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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a) and 1.10

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Dear Sirs:

This is in reply to the Office Action electronically sent on 04-08-2010 ("the Office Action"). This "Rule 116 Amendment" is being submitted with the express intention of placing all claims in condition for allowance. It is hoped that entry of the minor proposed claim amendments in conjunction with the Remarks below will convince the Examiner that all pending claims are, in fact, allowable and should be immediately passed to issue. This hope is believed to be reasonable in view of the fact that only a narrow 102(c) rejection stands between the present claims and their passage to issue.

This Amendment includes a request for a one (1)-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action and authorization to deduct payment of the associated fee (large entity) from Deposit Account 23-2053.

**Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.

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